

# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

# Join us at 8:15 a.m. on April 18<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, April 18, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
- ◇ Holy Father John the Righteous,  
disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis
- ◇ Euthemios the Enlightener of  
Karelia
- ◇ Cosmas, Bishop of Calcydon

But let no man be troubled at the apostles being in such an imperfect state. For not yet was the cross accomplished, not yet the grace of the Spirit given. But if thou wouldest learn their virtue, notice them after these things, and thou wilt see them superior to every passion.

For with this object He reveals their deficiencies, that after these things thou mightest know what manner of men they became by grace. ... No one shall sit on His right hand nor on His left.

St. John Chrysostom

## Narthex Duty:

**Welcoming Ministry:**

NA during Covid

**Orthros Reader:**

NA during Covid

**Memorials:**

Georgia Letsos - 1 year

Chloe Pahigianis - 5 years

May Their Memories be Eternal

## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



# Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## April

**April 29:** Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

4<sup>th</sup> Tone

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the message of the resurrection and having cast from them their ancestral condemnation, they proudly proclaimed the news to the Apostles: Death has been vanquished; for Christ, our God, has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

## Apolytikion for Sun. of St. Mary of Egypt

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Kontakion

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος δ'

Τὸ παιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα, λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν Σταυρόν, ἡκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάζεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλεῖον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὁσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 10:32-45 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαρῶς τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;



# ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 9:17-31  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαΐζουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὃ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ ἐυωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαι ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ ἐυωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἡτοιμάσται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

**The Gospel According to  
Mark 10:32-45**

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

# DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

## GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3<sup>rd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

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Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) - *donated*
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - *donated*
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - *donated*



## HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios —*donated*
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ Candles for the Holy Cross - *donated*
- ♦ 12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - *donated*
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection —*donated*

## GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi - *donated*
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha —*donated*
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs —*donated*

*Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!*

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# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

*Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)*

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 11th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 18th</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 25th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		..... <b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 30th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 2nd</b> NO FASTING!		..... <b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



## St. Basil Philoptochos PALM SUNDAY Lamb Raffle

Enter for your chance to win  
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Tickets  
\$10 each  
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Drawing on Palm Sunday, April 25  
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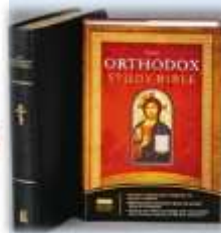
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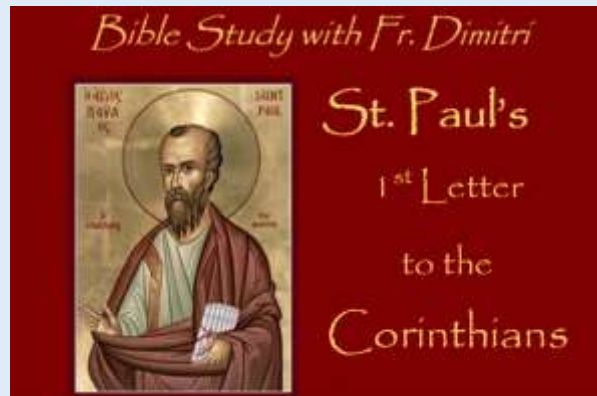


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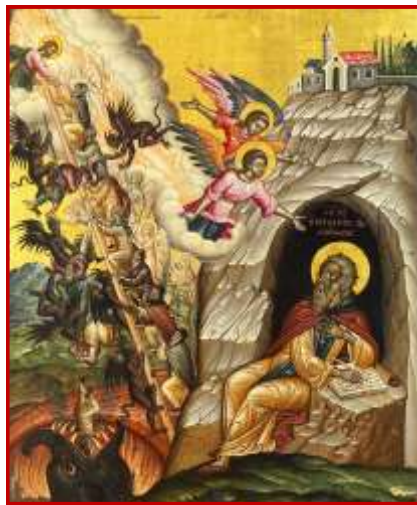
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## JULY 14, 2021

### St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club  
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#### **\$135 Includes:**

18 Holes of Golf  
Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner  
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# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

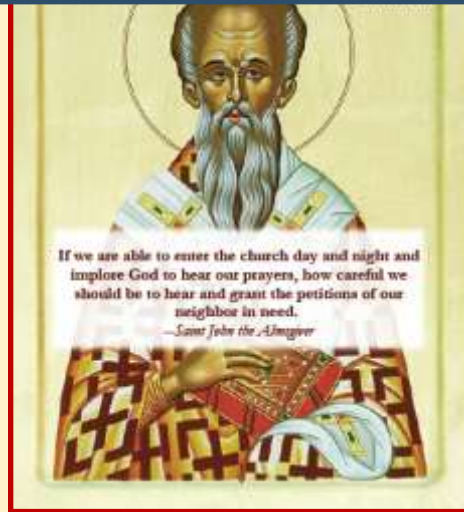
- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products



**HOPE**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**

## Parish Outreach



### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.**

**Ladies Philoptochos requests your donations of breakfast foods for Chicago's Lakeview Pantry.**



- Cereal - Cold or hot any flavor any brand
- Breakfast Cereal Bars
- Shelf-stable juice

The economic downturn caused by the pandemic has forced many people to turn to Lakeview Pantry who never imagined they would have to seek help to feed their family. Thank you to our generous parishioners and friends who for more than ten years have been helping to feed the hungry who turn to

Lakeview Pantry.

**Please bring your donation to the Church by Palm Sunday, April 25.**

For an easy way to donate food and have it delivered directly to the Church, consider ordering through Amazon. We have a link below to some food and juice items. The Church's Ship to Address is below. These items are suggestions only. Please feel free to order anything you would like. Or donate store bought items. All are welcome.

If you use The Amazon Smile program, St. Basil Church will receive 0.5% of your purchase price. Instructions for signing up for this important program are attached.

Ship To Address:  
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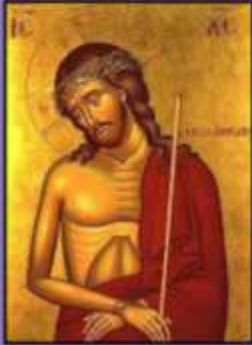
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# Metropolis Outreach



## Secure Your Holy Week Kit



With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, the Metropolis Junior Board has put together an initiative to **deliver Holy Week Kits** to those unable to attend church.

If you or a loved one wish to receive a kit, please **scan the QR code** with your cell phone camera or **visit the Web Link below** and fill out the form **no later than Sunday, April 18th.**



### Holy Week Kit includes:

- Palm Cross
- Candle
- Holy Water
- Spiritual Pamphlet



Scan Me!!!

Web Link: <https://qr.go.page.link/wDJA9>

For questions or additional information, please email the Metropolis Young Adult Board at [metropolisjuniorboard@chicagometropolis.org](mailto:metropolisjuniorboard@chicagometropolis.org)



## Please join our Philoptochos Blood Drive



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

is collaborating with

**Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society**

to host a Blood Drive at St. George.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosios at 773-961-5732 or email her at [dot64@rcn.com](mailto:dot64@rcn.com).



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go/20f0a44abad28a6f85-divine](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44abad28a6f85-divine)

To Sign Up to attend Divine Services  
**Reserve Your Spot Today!**

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

## Holy Week—Volunteers Needed

### CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

We need myrofores (myrrh bearing women) for Holy Friday Night

Please wear a white dress and see Jennifer Georgopouls if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL STRONG ARMS

We need volunteers to carry the Kouvouklion around the church on the evening of Holy Friday. Please participate in the honor of carrying the bier of our Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>S</sup> Please See Tony Frankos if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

We need volunteers to read the Gospel in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday, May 2. Looking for a variety of languages...some examples below:

Spanish—Italian—Chinese—Tigrina  
Latin—Russian—Romanian—Swahili  
German—Arabic—Oromo—English  
French—Japanese—Amharic, and other  
languages welcome



Please contact Father Dimitri if you are interested in participating in this wonderful service.

## Holy Week — Liturgical Schedule



### **Saturday, April 24**

Saturday of Lazarus  
Orthros 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.



### **Thursday, April 29**

Mystical Supper Liturgy  
Vespers Liturgy 6:30 a.m.  
The Passion Service  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 25**

Palm Sunday  
Orthros 8:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.  
Holy Monday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Friday, April 30**

The Royal Hours  
Hours Service 9:00 a.m.  
The Apokatheilosis  
(Removal from the Cross)  
Vespers 3:00 p.m.  
The Lamentations  
Orthros 7:00 p.m.



### **Monday, April 26**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Tuesday, April 27**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Wednesday, April 28**

Unction Ευχέλιον Service  
Unction 3:00 p.m.  
Holy Thursday Orthros  
(with Unction)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Saturday, May 1**

The Protianastasi  
(Little Resurrection)  
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
The Orthros of the Resurrection  
Orthros 11:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, May 2**

The Resurrection  
Come Receive the Light 12:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 12:30 a.m.  
The Agape Vespers 12:00 p.m.

# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

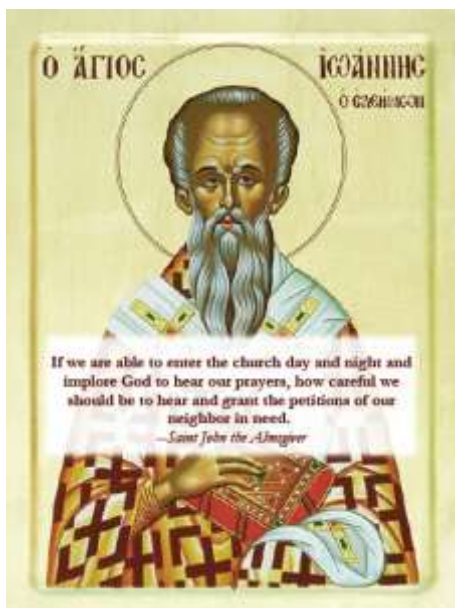
- **Sunday, April 18, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
  - Saturday April 24, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
  - **Sunday, April 25, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday**
  - **Sunday, April 25, 6:00pm - Holy Sunday Night - Orthros of Holy Monday Bridegroom Service Sunday Night**
- Monday, April 26, 6:00pm - Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night
  - Tuesday, April 27, 6:00pm - Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani
  - **Wednesday, April 28, 3:00pm - Holy Unction**
  - Wednesday, April 28, 6:00pm - Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday
  - Thursday, April 29, 6:30am - Vespereal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
- Thursday, April 29, 6:00pm - Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
<b>4</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
<b>11</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn
<b>18</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
<b>25</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	<b>28</b> 3:00 pm Holy Unction 6:00 pm Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	<b>29</b> 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday 3:00 pm Vespers of Holy Friday 7:00 pm The Unailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Vespers Liturgy of the Proti-Anastasi Service of Preparation 11:45 pm Come Receive the Light!

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
115 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$177,159.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$80,535.00

Average Pledge  
\$1541

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**81 out of 112 (72.32%)**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device

